

**IN THE CLAIMS:****Listing of Claims:**

1 1. (amended herein) A gate assembly for trash enclosures, said enclosures defined by a  
2 wall and the ground, comprising:

3 a pair of hinge posts, each said hinge post comprising a strut side for  
4 attaching to at least one elastic strut member, each said elastic strut member comprising a  
5 base portion~~each said post~~ attached to said wall, and a resilient member interconnecting  
6 said base portion and said strut side ~~by at least one elastic strut member~~; and

7 a pair of gates, each said gate made from a single piece of plastic material  
8 and attached to one said hinge post by hinge means for permitting angular movement  
9 between each said gate and each said hinge post.

1 2. (amended herein) The assembly of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said gates  
2 further comprises bump protecting means for protecting said gate from being bumped by  
3 vehicle trucks and the like.

1 3. (amended herein) The gate assembly of Claim 2, wherein:

2 said assembly further comprises hinges between said gates and said hinge  
3 posts;

4 each said gate comprises a center edge and a hinge edge, said hinges defined  
5 by a plurality of gate hinge-halves, each said gate hinge-half defined by a gate hinge  
6 bore;

7 each said hinge post further comprises a strut side for attaching to said struts  
8 and a hinge side defined by a plurality of post hinge-halves, each said post hinge-half  
9 defined by a post hinge bore; and

10           said hinge means comprises a hinge rod inserted through a bore line defined  
11 by an interlocking series of coaxially-aligned gate hinge-halves and bores and post hinge-  
12 halves and bores.

1    4. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 3, wherein said hinge means further  
2 comprises at least one hinge insert, each said insert being inserted into said bore line and  
3 further defined by a hinge insert bore.

1    5. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 4, wherein each said hinge means further  
2 comprises at least one flanged insert defined by a bore portion and a flanged portion, each  
3 said at least one flanged insert being inserted into one said hinge insert bore.

1    6. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 5, wherein said hinge means is further  
2 defined by a hinge rod retainer for retaining said hinge rod within said bore line.

1    7. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 6, wherein:

2           each said hinge post and said post hinge-halves extending therefrom are made  
3 from a single piece of plastic-like material; and

4           each said gate and said gate hinge-halves extending therefrom are made from  
5 a single piece of plastic-like material.

1    8. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 7, further comprising at least one cane bolt  
2 assembly for attaching at least one said gate to said ground, said cane bolt assembly  
3 defining at least a locked condition.

1    9. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 8, wherein said cane bolt assembly further  
2 comprises cane bolt and biasing means for biasing said cane bolt away from the ground.

1    10. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 8, further comprising:

2           latch bolt means for attaching each said gate to the other said gate; and

3           interface means for making activation of said latch bolt means dependent  
4 upon said condition of said at least one cane bolt assembly.

- 1 11. (amended herein) An ~~improved~~ gate assembly, comprising:
- 2 a pair of gates, each said gate comprising a single piece of flexible, resilient
- 3 material;
- 4 a pair of hinge posts, each said hinge post comprising a single piece of
- 5 flexible, resilient material; and
- 6 hinge means for attaching one said gate to one said hinge post; and
- 7 a plurality of elastic strut members interconnecting said hinge posts to an
- 8 external wall, each said elastic strut member comprising a base portion fixedly attached
- 9 to the wall and a resilient member interconnecting said base portion and said hinge post.
- 1 12. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 11, wherein each said gate further
- 2 comprises an integral frame formed in said flexible, resilient material.
- 1 13. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 12, wherein at least one said gate is further
- 2 defined by a display alcove formed therein for display of certain signs.
- 1 14. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 13, wherein at least one said gate is further
- 2 defined by a bump protection means for protecting said gate from damage due to being
- 3 bumped by a vehicle.
- 1 15. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 14, wherein each said gate comprises a
- 2 plurality of staggered panels.
- 1 16. (original) The gate assembly of Claim 15, wherein said hinge means comprises a
- 2 hinge rod inserted into at least one flanged insert, said flanged insert inserted into at least
- 3 one hinge insert, and said hinge insert inserted into a bore line formed between said hinge
- 4 post and said gate.